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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **NEWS CONFERENCE CITY ATTORNEY URGES MAYOR TO KEEP BUDGET PROMISE**

**Date & Time: Tuesday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Location: City Attorney's Office, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620,  
Downtown San Diego**

City Attorney Michael Aguirre will brief the news media about urging Mayor Jerry Sanders to keep his Office's commitment to fund the City Attorney's Office at the level publicly stated by the Chief Financial Officer at the City's Budget & Finance Committee meeting of May 7, 2007.

On that day, Jay Goldstone, Chief Financial Officer, told the Committee that a \$1.6 million adjustment in the City Attorney's budget would be supported and funded. That action would save 12.29 attorney positions out of 17 jobs at stake.

However, late in the afternoon of May 15, the City Attorney was made aware by the Mayor's Office that the budget adjustment would not be made.

The following day, in a May 16, 2007 letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding "Recommended Revisions to Fiscal Year 2008 Proposed Budget," Goldstone eliminated the City Attorney's funding adjustment.

Since that time, the City Attorney has met with the Mayor's representatives in an effort to urge the Mayor's Office to keep its promise.

If the City Attorney's budget is not made whole, the resulting loss of positions will have an impact on City services.

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